

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Jeff Blake, Emma Bickett, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Danielle Benesh, Ed Blake, Jeff Parker, Kathy Ortgiesen, Nancy Durnen, Bonnie Morris, Lisa Bickett, Dave Stenzel, Trevor Stenzel, Janet Nehring, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger and Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2018 Tax Levy. Superintendent Nichols presented the Tax Levy information that included historical requests and rates and explained that the levy request is not the tax rate.

Nancy Durnen questioned an article that made her concerned about the tax rate. Nichols again explained that the 5.98% is not the tax rate and will not have a rate that high from this levy. He's expecting the rate to be around 4.88%, which is lower than last year. Nichols and Jones noted that they understand the levy is confusing and asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Hummel to adopt the Resolution for the 2018 Tax Levy, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to direct the Board Secretary to file the Certificate of Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Schnaiter to direct the Board President and Board Secretary to file the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2018 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Danielle Benesh and students, Emma Bickett and Kaitlyn Ortgiesen shared information on their service project to P.A.D.S (Public Action To Deliver Shelter).

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Schnaiter to approve the application for property tax relief grant, as presented. Superintendent Nichols explained that the evidence-based funding formula law set aside 50 million dollars for property tax relief or abatement. Amboy is ranked 315 out of 851 districts based on need. It's unlikely that we'll receive this grant but it's worth applying for. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the following Consent Agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the November 13, 2018, Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated June 15, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols shared information on the finances. A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Pratt to approve the current expenditures and payroll. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The Principal reports were reviewed as presented.

For his Superintendent report, Nichols shared information on the steam tunnel leak at the Junior High School.

First reading of the IASB policy revisions were received.

Superintendent Nichols shared that a bank has asked us if they can use the Amboy Clipper logo for customer/personal checks. Nobody seemed to have a concern so he will respond with the go ahead.

A motion was made by Hummel and seconded by Leffelman to approve the request for authorization to use Health Life Safety Funds to repair the pipes at the Junior High School, as presented. Nichols explained that the pipe developed a leak in one of the tunnels. They have to abate the tunnel of asbestos before the repair can happen. The estimated cost is \$88,250. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:44 p.m., a motion was made by Hummel and seconded by Schnaiter to move to executive session for the purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:03 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols announced that he did not receive the final cost numbers from the CTS Group to approve the letter of intent/professional services agreement so this item on the agenda will be postponed.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Stenzel to approve the suspensions of students 12-13-18-1 through 12-13-18-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Schnaiter to accept the resignation of Melissa Fields as Part Time Cafeteria Cook at the Junior High, effective November 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Schnaiter to approve Melissa Fields as Assistant Head Cook at the Junior High, effective December 3, 2018. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Special Board Meeting – Thursday, December 20, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. – High School Room 105. Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meeting - Thursday, January 10, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - High School Room 105. Regular School Board Meeting - Thursday, January 24, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary Pro-Tem

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____